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TELL ME
WHERE THE
LEADER OF
THE ROBOT
PIRATES IS
HIDING.

W-WHAT
LEADER?!
WE'RE ALL
THAT'S LEFT!

WELL...
USED TO
BE...

DO NOT
WASTE
MY TIME
WITH LIES.
WHERE--

THEY'RE ALL GONE!
CAPTAIN WHISKER,
JOHNNY, EVEN MIM AND
MUM! THE FLEET'S GONE!



YOU'VE WON,
PRINCESS!



AHOY! DO
YOU NEED A
HAND? DIDJA
WIN, BLAZE?

LATER...



I DUNNO
WHAT YOU'RE
SO UPSET ABOUT.
WE'VE BEEN
HUNTIN' PIRATES
FOR FOREVER.
NOW WE CAN
FINALLY HAVE A
VACATION!

NO.
WE MUST
BE EVER
VIGILANT.

WE WON!
EVERYTHING'S
FAIR DINKUM
NOW! AND YOU
OF ALL PEOPLE
HAVE EARNED
SOME TIME
OFF!

MARINE, I'M THE IMPERIAL
PRINCESS OF AN EMPIRE,
AND GUARDIAN OF THE
SOL EMERALDS.

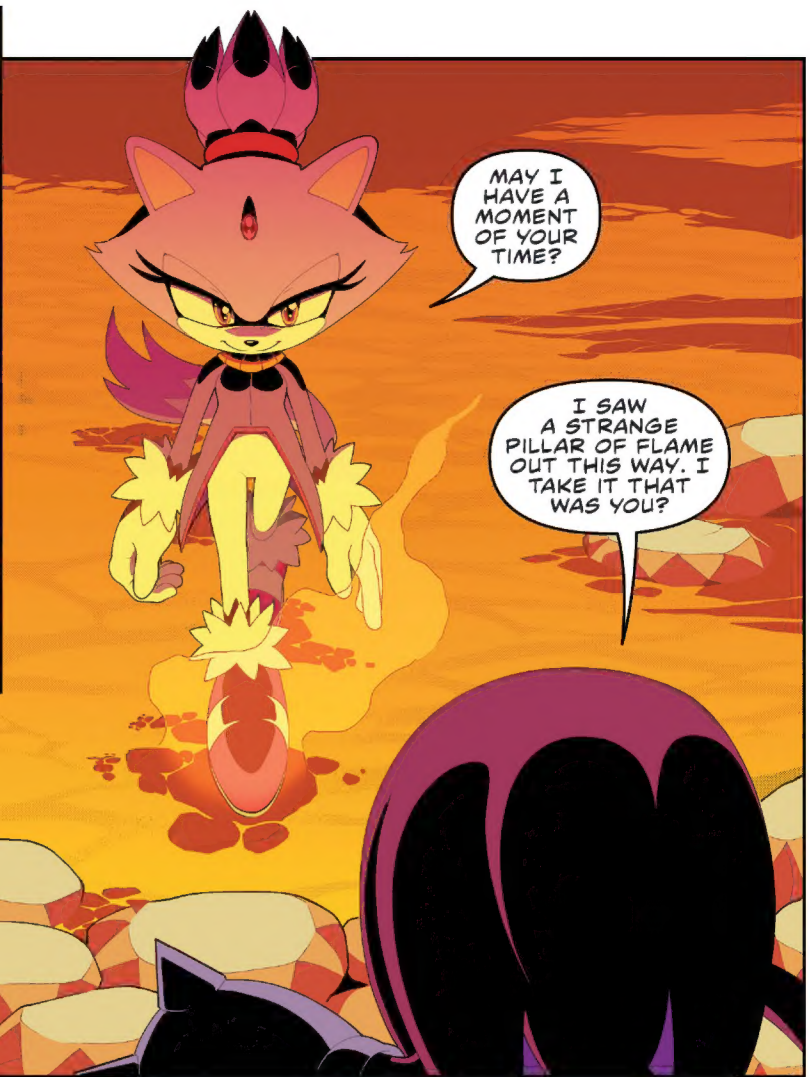
EITHER OF
THOSE DUTIES
ALONE CARRIES
TREMENDOUS
RESPONSIBILITIES,
AND I HAVE
BOTH.

IT DOESN'T
MEAN YOU
CAN'T RELAX! IF
YOU WON'T LISTEN
TO ME, WHO CAN
CONVINCE
YOU?!



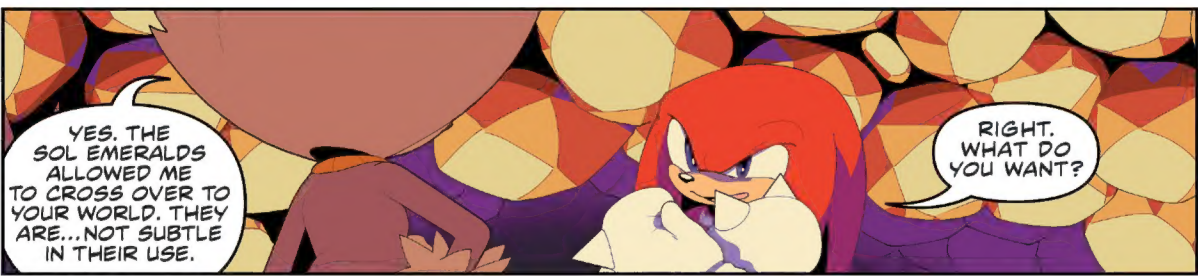
SONIC'S WORLD.
LAVA REEF,
ANGEL ISLAND.

EXCUSE ME,
KNUCKLES.



MAY I
HAVE A
MOMENT
OF YOUR
TIME?

I SAW
A STRANGE
PILLAR OF FLAME
OUT THIS WAY. I
TAKE IT THAT
WAS YOU?



YES. THE
SOL EMERALDS
ALLOWED ME
TO CROSS OVER TO
YOUR WORLD. THEY
ARE...NOT SUBTLE
IN THEIR USE.

RIGHT.
WHAT DO
YOU WANT?

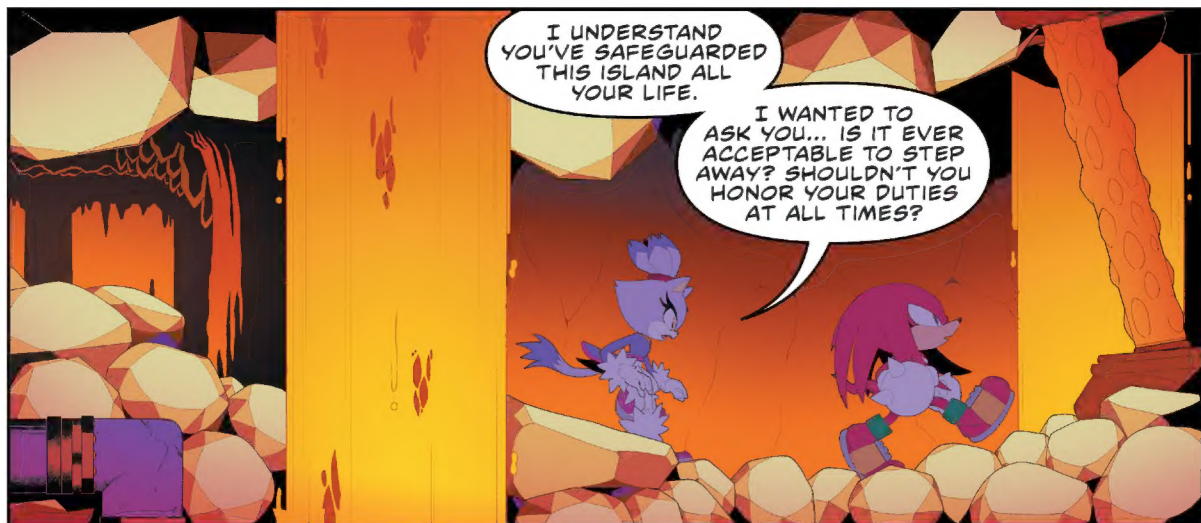


WE ARE NOT WELL
ACQUAINTED. AND I
AM LOATH TO PLACE
MY BURDENS AT
SOMEONE ELSE'S FEET.
BUT...SONIC HELPED
ME TO REALIZE IT'S
OKAY TO TRUST AND
SEEK HELP FROM
OTHERS.

SO, I WAS
HOPING TO GET
YOUR OPINION.
ONE GUARDIAN
TO ANOTHER.



LET'S
WALK.







BACK ON BLAZE'S WORLD.

CORAL CAVE ISLAND.



SHRINE OF THE
JEWELLED SCEPTER.



PATROL SHIPS WILL BE
AROUND THE ISLAND AT ALL
HOURS. THE GUARD HAS
BEEN TRIPLED.

AS ORDERED,
NO ONE BUT YOU OR
CAPTAIN MARINE WILL
BE GRANTED ACCESS
TO THIS CHAMBER.



VERY
GOOD,
GARDON.
AS YOU WERE.

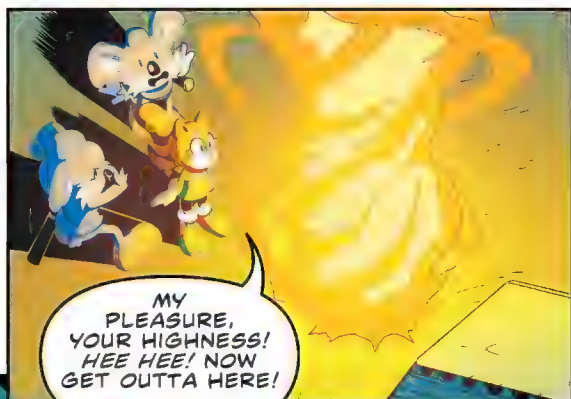
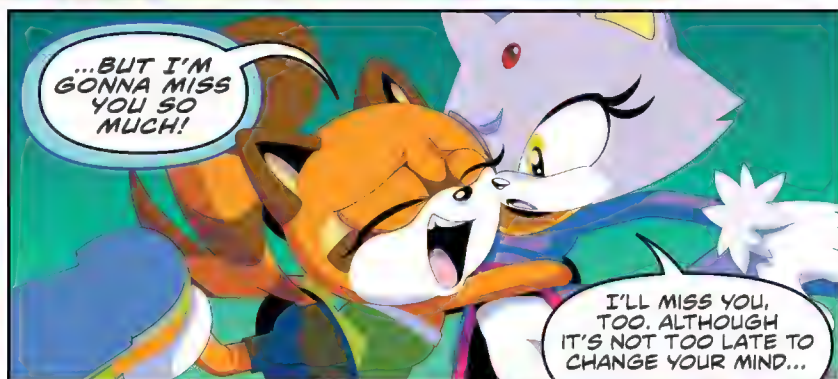
SAFE
TRAVELS,
YOUR
HIGHNESS.



SNIFFLE

MARINE?
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?





SONIC'S WORLD.

FLORAL FOREST VILLAGE.

SHHHHHHHH...
DAY ONE.

AND THEN I
HIT THE TREE--
WHAMMO!
AND THE WATER
FLOODED THE PARK
AND STOPPED
THE FIRE!

MY
GOODNESS!
I WOULD LIKE
TO GO CAMPING
WITH YOU,
MISS AMY!

MAYBE
WITHOUT ALL
THE FIRE,
THOUGH...

IF THERE
ARE FIRE
CONCERNS,
PERHAPS
I COULD
HELP?

MISS BLAZE!
I'M SO HAPPY
TO SEE YOU!
WHAT'S THE
OCCASION?

NOTHING DIRE.
I'M JUST...TAKING
A VACATION.

I DUNNO,
THAT SOUNDS
LIKE AN OCCASION TO
CELEBRATE TO ME! PULL
UP A CHAIR, CHILL, AND
WELCOME BACK!

THANK YOU,
EVERYONE. IT'S
GOOD TO BE
BACK.

END.

WEAPONS

THERE!
THAT SHOULD
DO IT!

HOW'S THE
NEW BODY FEEL,
OMEGA?*

*THIS STORY TAKES PLACE
AFTER 5TH #36--EDS.

THIS UNIT IS WHOLE ONCE AGAIN.
MY CAMPAIGN OF CARNAGE SHALL
RESUME WITHOUT DELAY.

PROCESSING
APPROPRIATE
RESPONSE. YOU
HAVE MY THANKS,
SMALL FOX.

DON'T
MENTION IT!

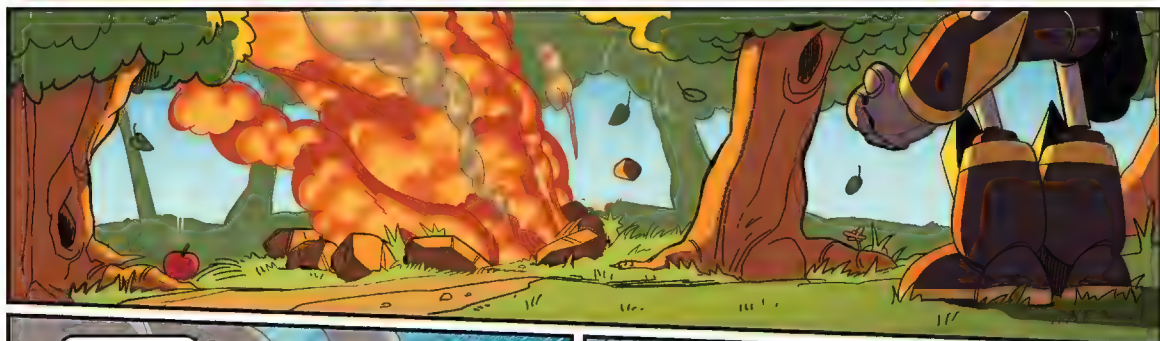
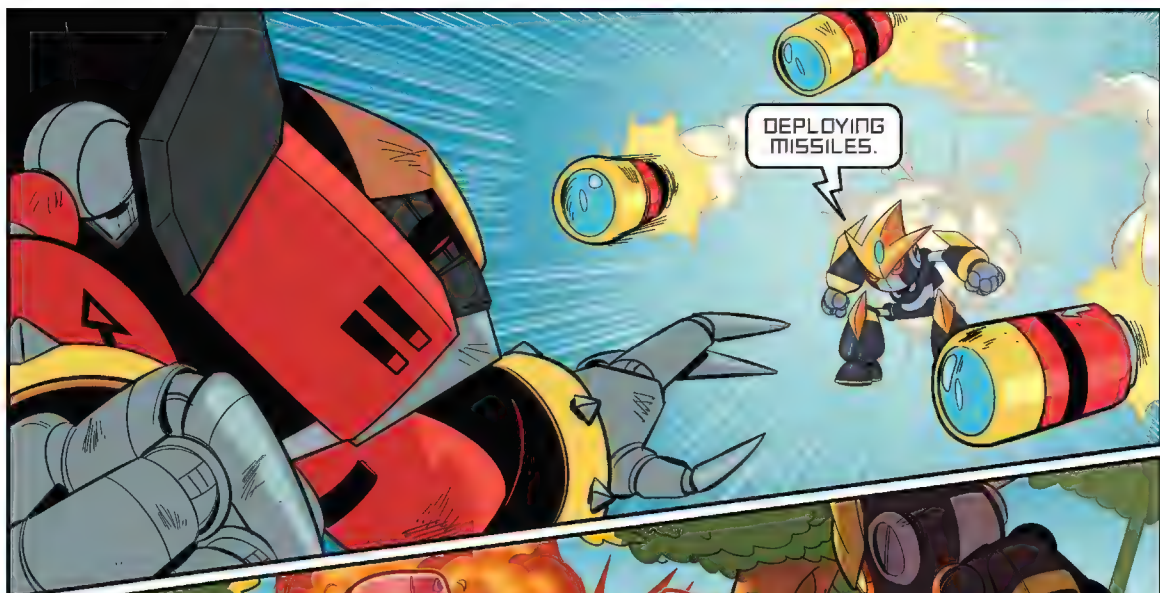
AND HEY,
BEFORE YOU HEAD
OUT, WHY DON'T YOU
GO FOR A "TEST-DRIVE"
BY SPARRING A LITTLE
WITH GEMERL?

SUGGESTION ACCEPTED. BUT I CANNOT
GUARANTEE GEMERL'S WELFARE
AFTER COMPLETING THE TEST.

WHILE I AM
DESIGNED AS A
LEARNING ROBOT--

"--I AM ALSO
CAPABLE OF
TEACHING YOU
A LESSON."

POOSH





ACCORDING TO MY DATA FILES, YOU ONCE FOUGHT SONIC TO A STANDSTILL, WHILE SERVING AS DR. EGGMAN'S ENFORCER.

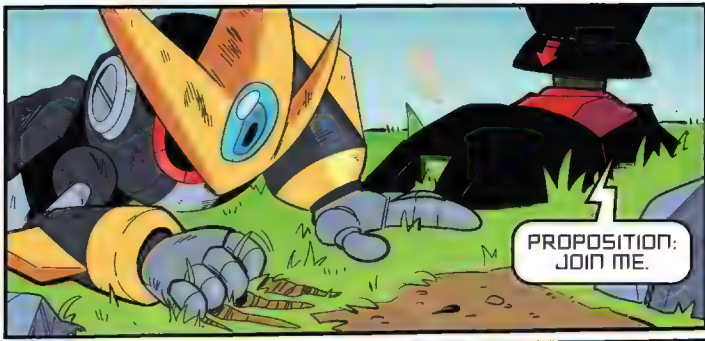
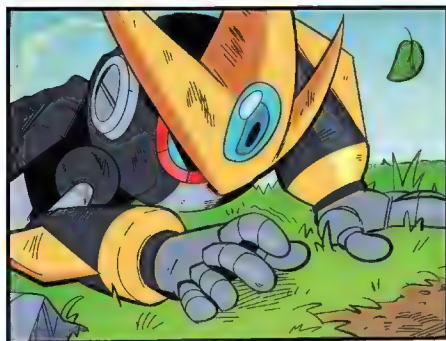
AND YET, YOUR OFFENSIVE OUTPUT APPEARS TO BE WELL BELOW ESTIMATED PARAMETERS.

SHIELD ACTIVATED.

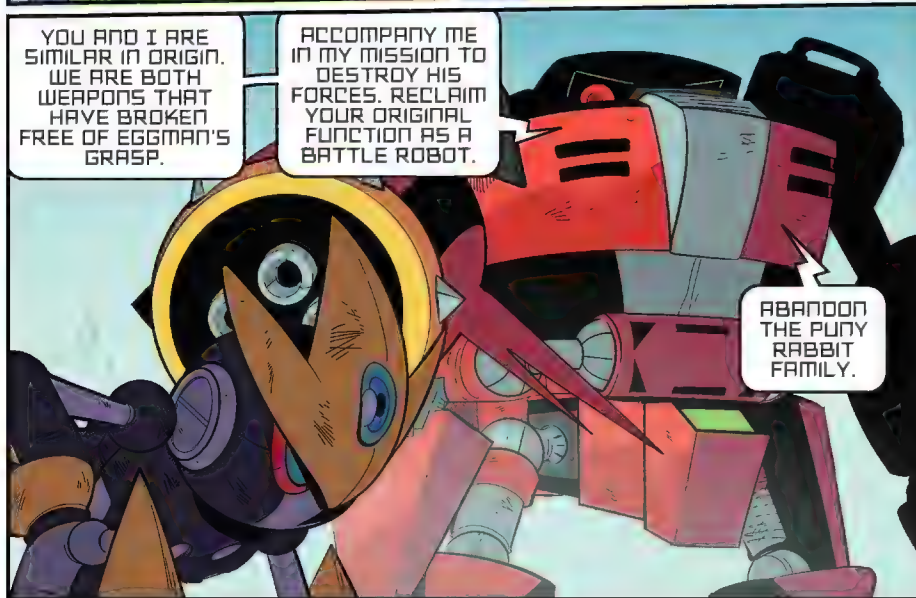


SUPPOSITION: YOUR TIME CARING FOR THE SMALL, MEATBAG, RABBIT GIRL HAS MADE YOU WEAK.

YOUR COMBAT SYSTEMS HAVE SLOWED. YOUR TACTICAL PROCESSING SPEED HAS WAINED. YOU HAVE LOST YOUR "EDGE."



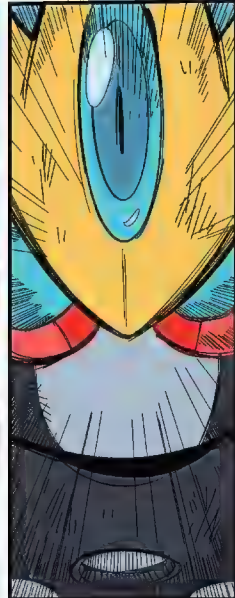
PROPOSITION: JOIN ME.

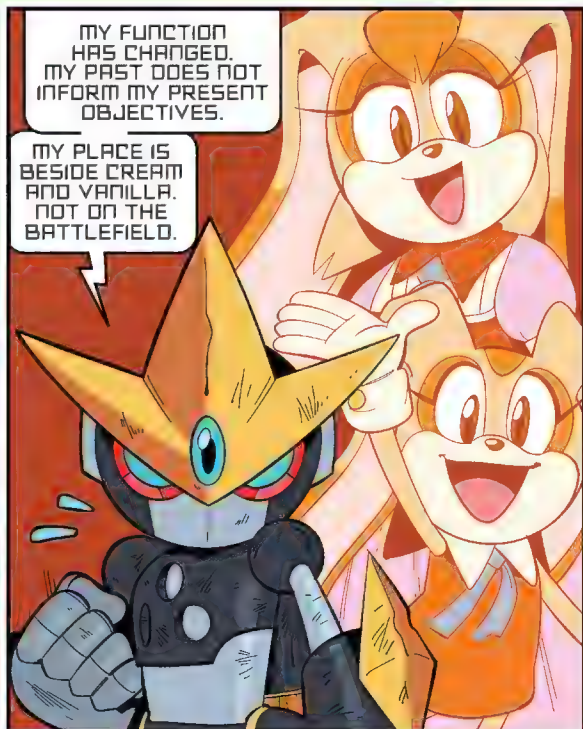
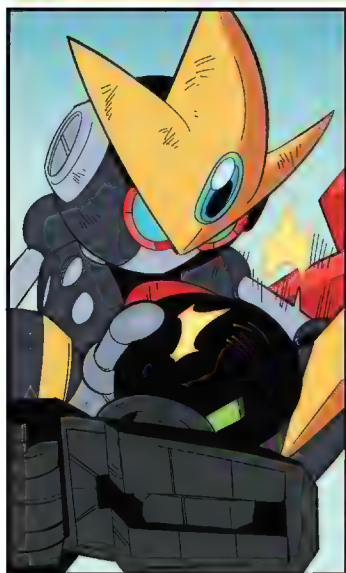
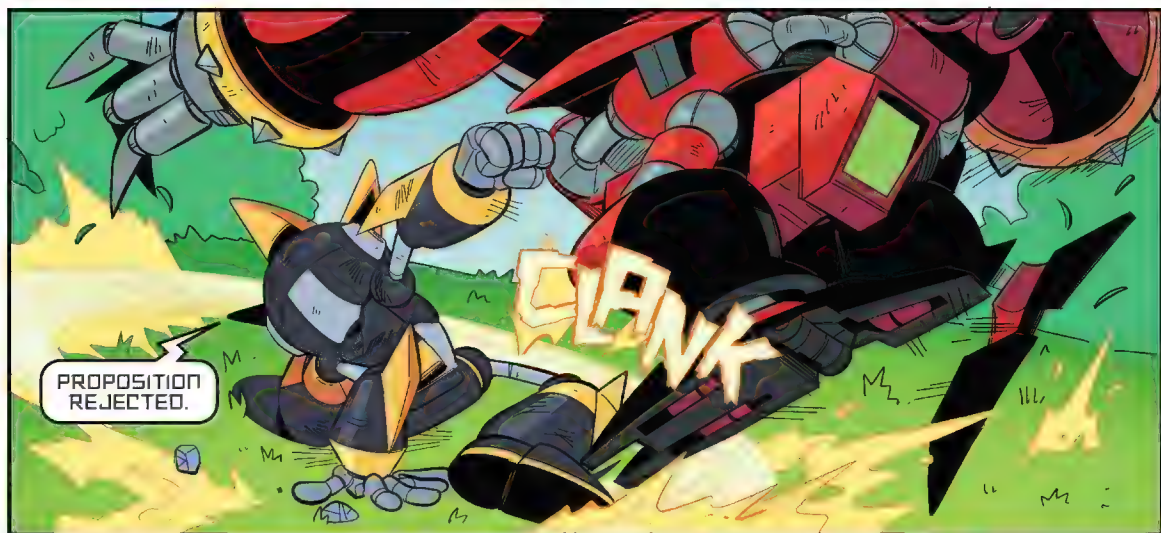


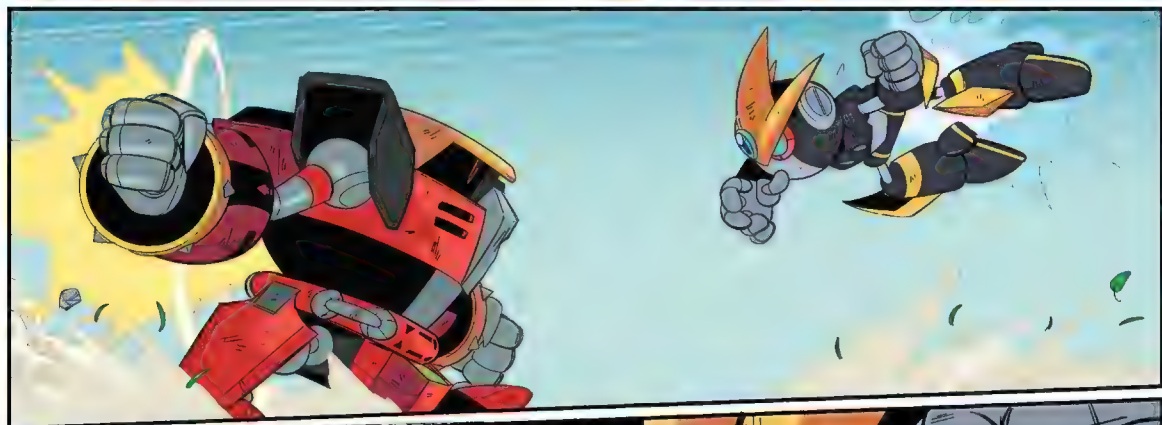
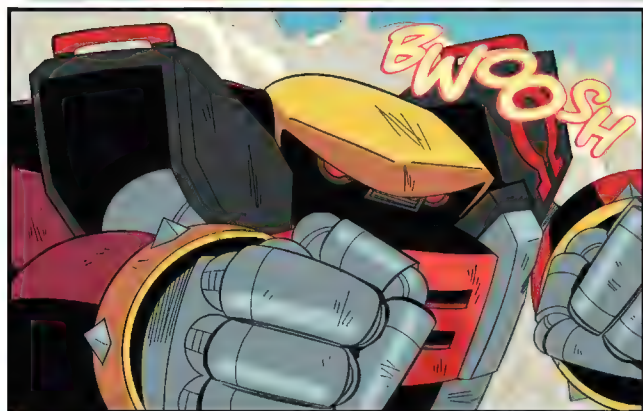
YOU AND I ARE SIMILAR IN ORIGIN. WE ARE BOTH WEAPONS THAT HAVE BROKEN FREE OF EGGMAN'S GRASP.

ACCOMPANY ME IN MY MISSION TO DESTROY HIS FORCES. RECLAIM YOUR ORIGINAL FUNCTION AS A BATTLE ROBOT.

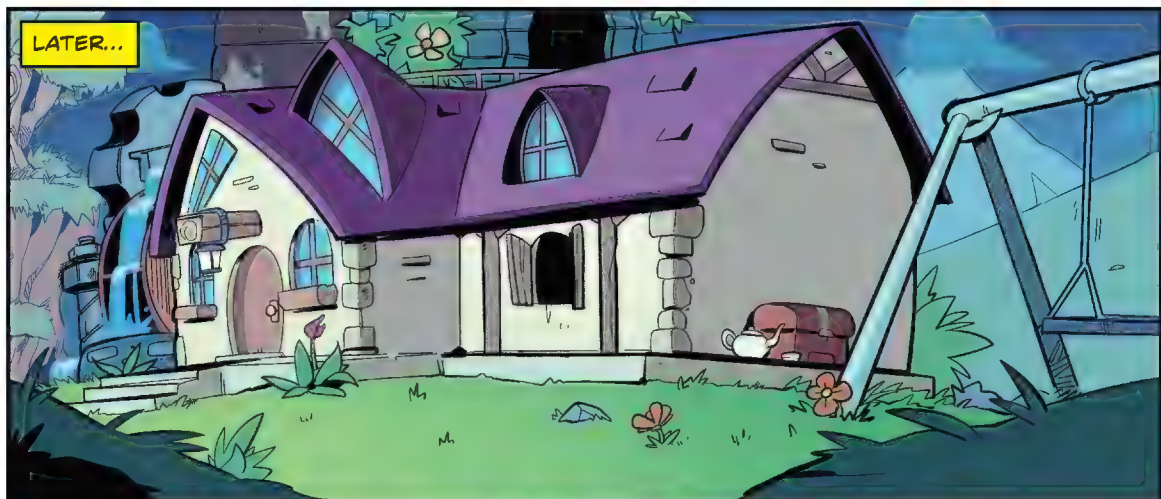
ABANDON THE PUNY RABBIT FAMILY.







LATER...



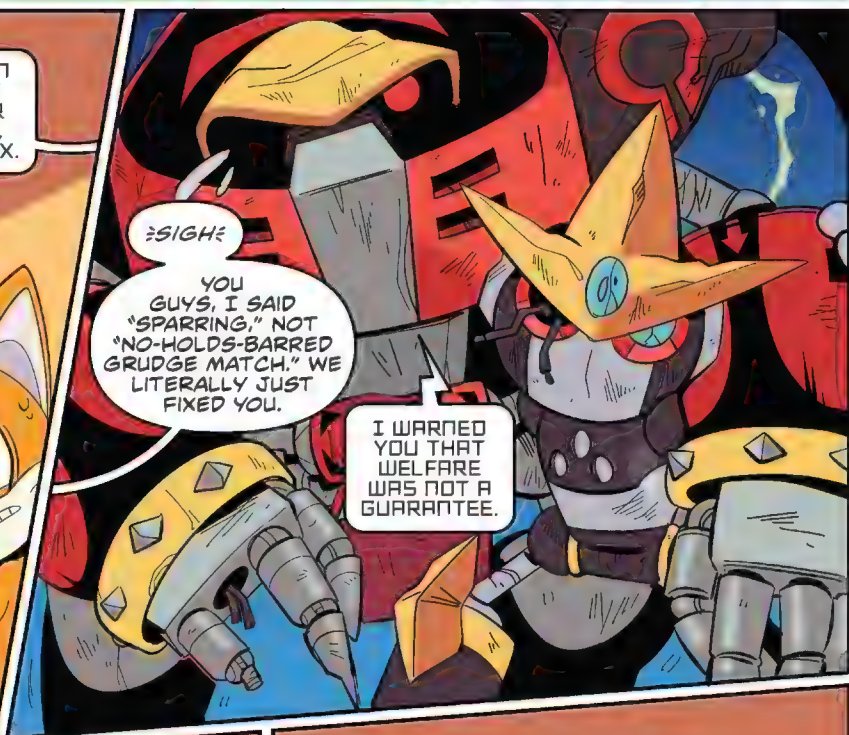
WE ARE IN
NEED OF
FURTHER
REPAIRS,
SMALL FOX.



¡SIGH!

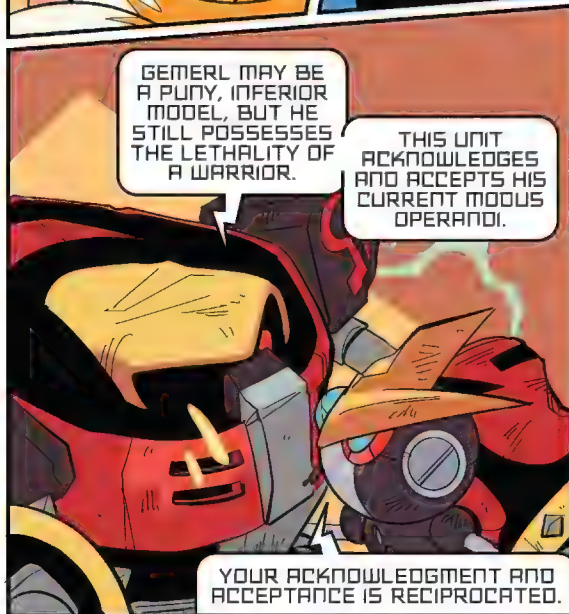
YOU
GUYS, I SAID
"SPARRING," NOT
"NO-HOLDS-BARRER
GRUDGE MATCH." WE
LITERALLY JUST
FIXED YOU.

I WARNED
YOU THAT
WELFARE
WAS NOT A
GUARANTEE.



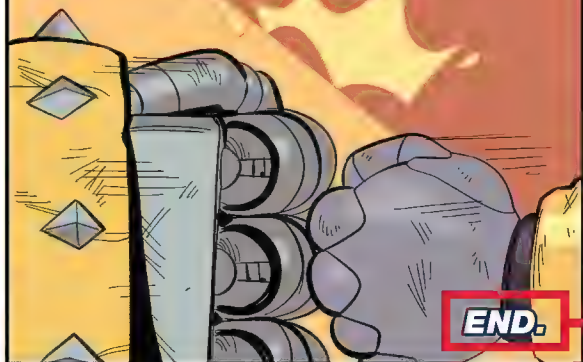
GEMERL MAY BE
A PUNY, INFERIOR
MODEL, BUT HE
STILL POSSESSES
THE LETHALITY OF
A WARRIOR.

THIS UNIT
ACKNOWLEDGES
AND ACCEPTS HIS
CURRENT MODUS
OPERANDI.



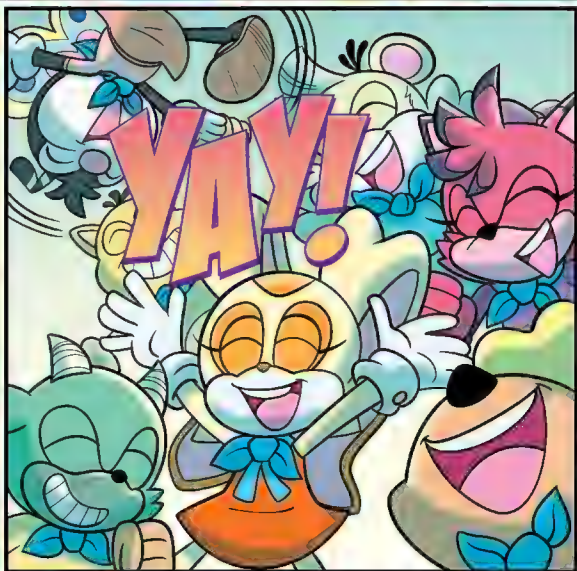
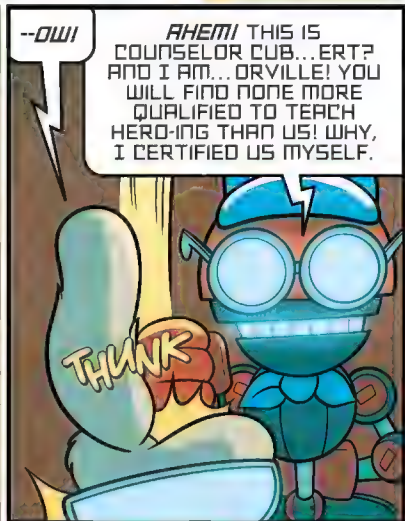
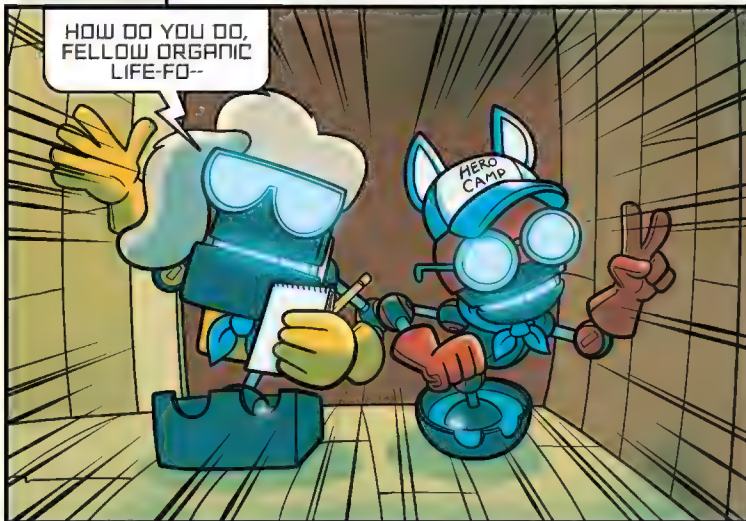
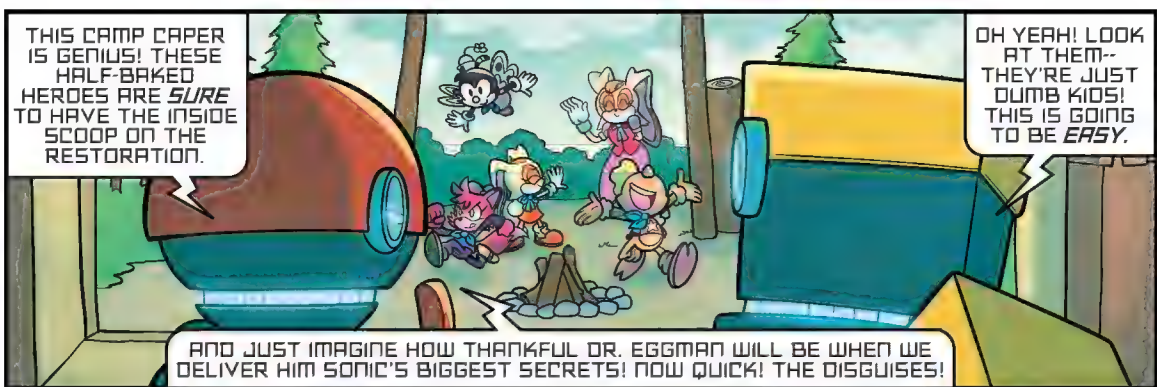
YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND
ACCEPTANCE IS RECIPROCATED.

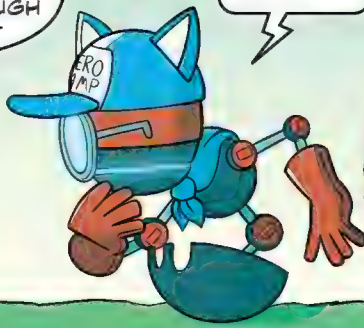
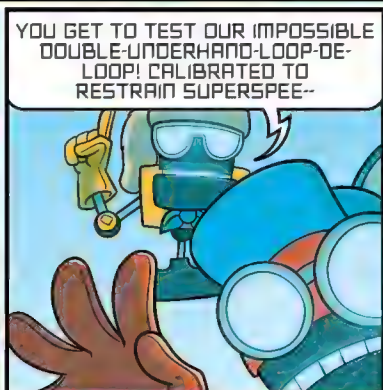
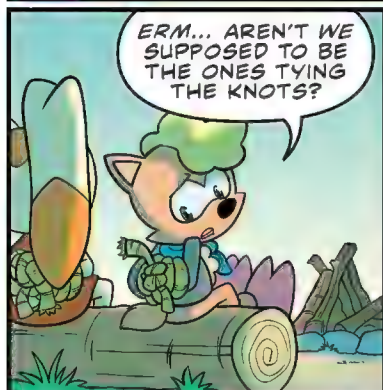
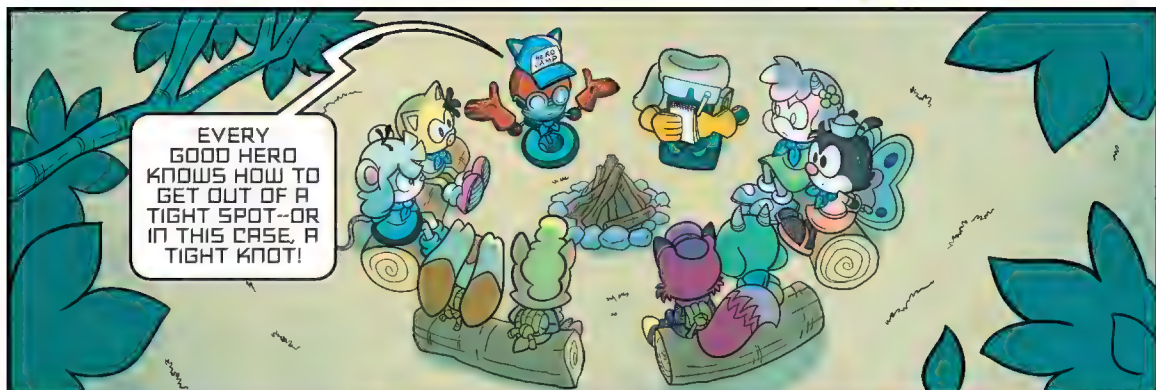
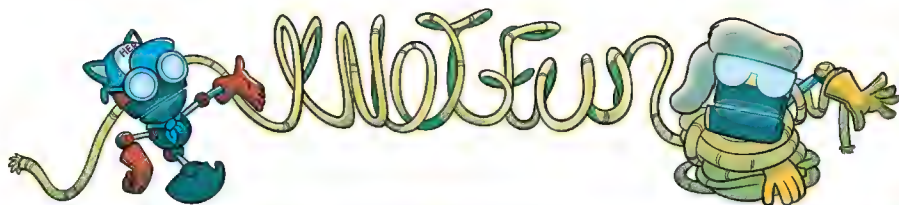
RESPECT

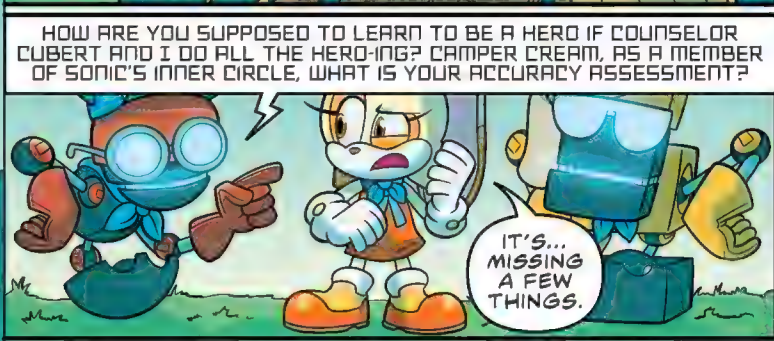


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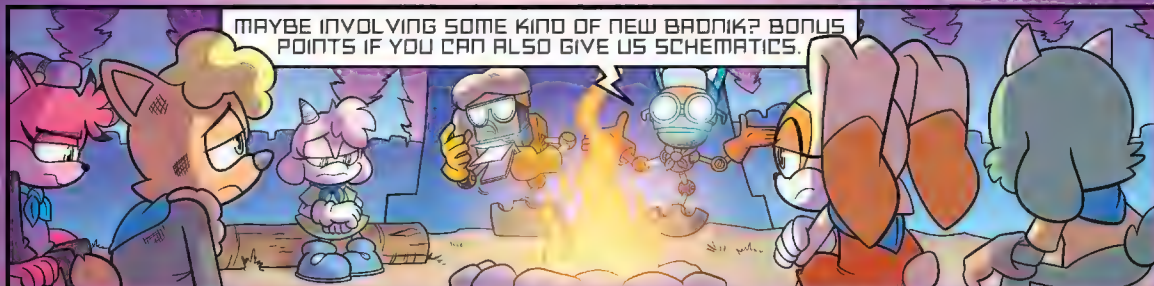
SO WHAT'S
NEXT? TRAP
MAKING?
APOCALYPSE
SURVIVAL?



S'MORES



HEY, NINE OUT OF
TEN DATABASES
LIST SCARY STORIES
UNDER CLASSIC CAMP
ACTIVITIES. WHO CAN
TELL ME A STORY
THAT WOULD SCARE
EVEN A HERO?



MAYBE INVOLVING SOME KIND OF NEW BADNIK? BONUS
POINTS IF YOU CAN ALSO GIVE US SCHEMATICS.



ERRRM... HOW
ABOUT WE JUST
MAKE SOME
S'MORES?



WHAT'S A
S'MORE?



THAT'S IT! YOU DON'T
KNOW HOW TO TIE
KNOTS, BUILD HIDEOUTS,
OR MAKE S'MORES?!
YOU'RE NO CAMP
LEADERS!

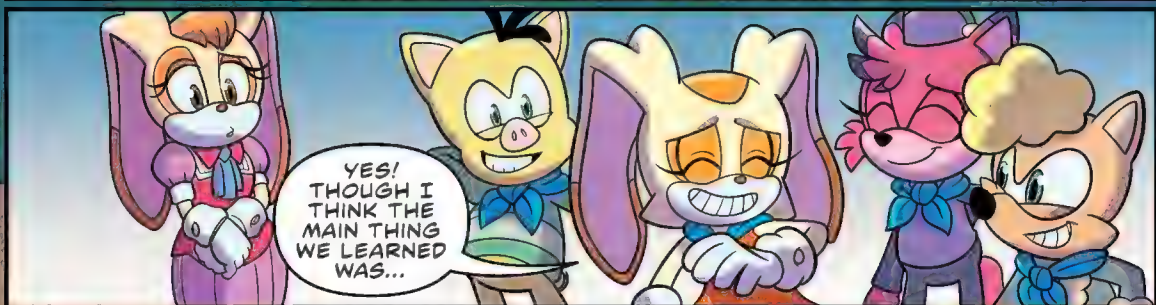


GET 'EM!



NOOOOO!





"...THAT MAYBE WE ALREADY ARE REAL HEROES!"

WE TAUGHT THEM TOO WELL!

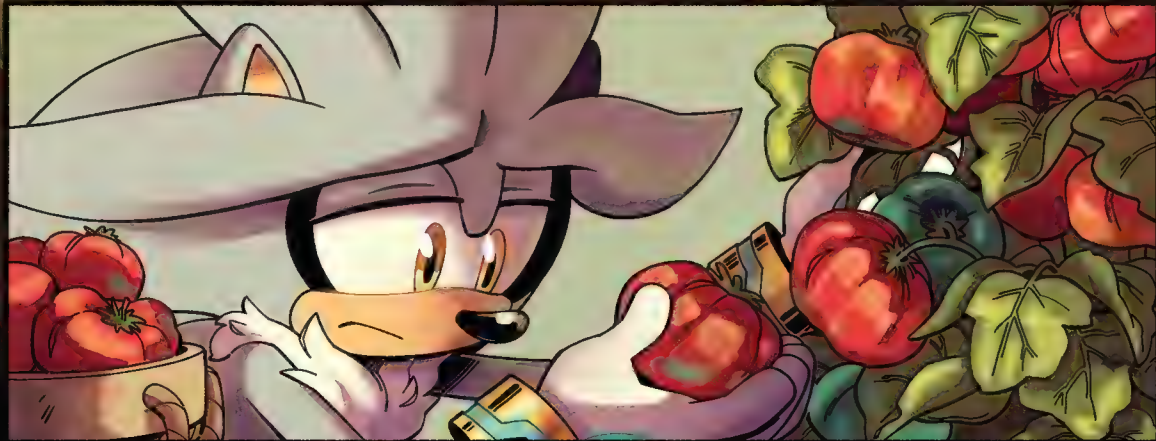
SNIFF! I'M SO PROUD!

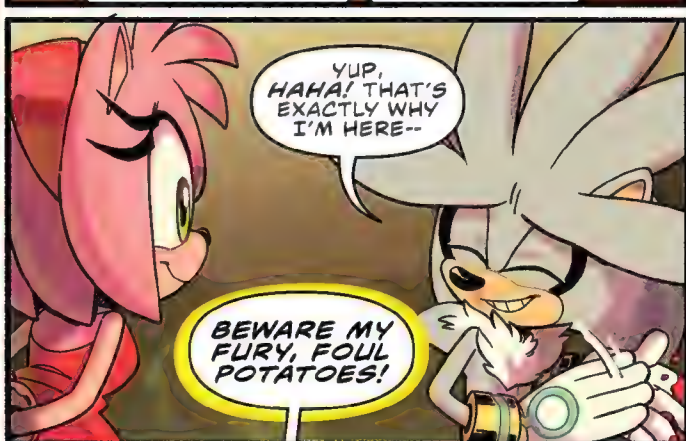
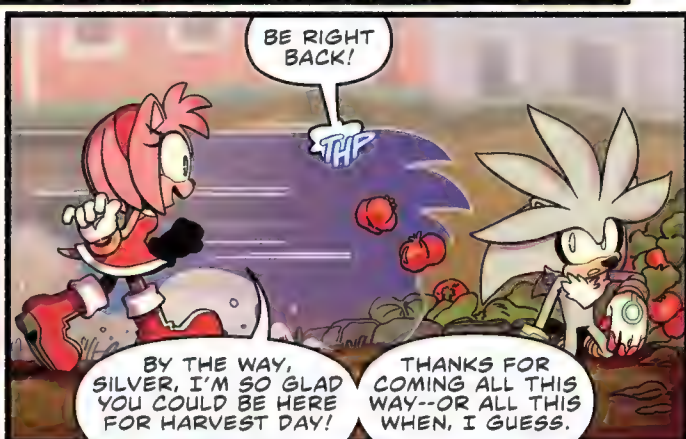
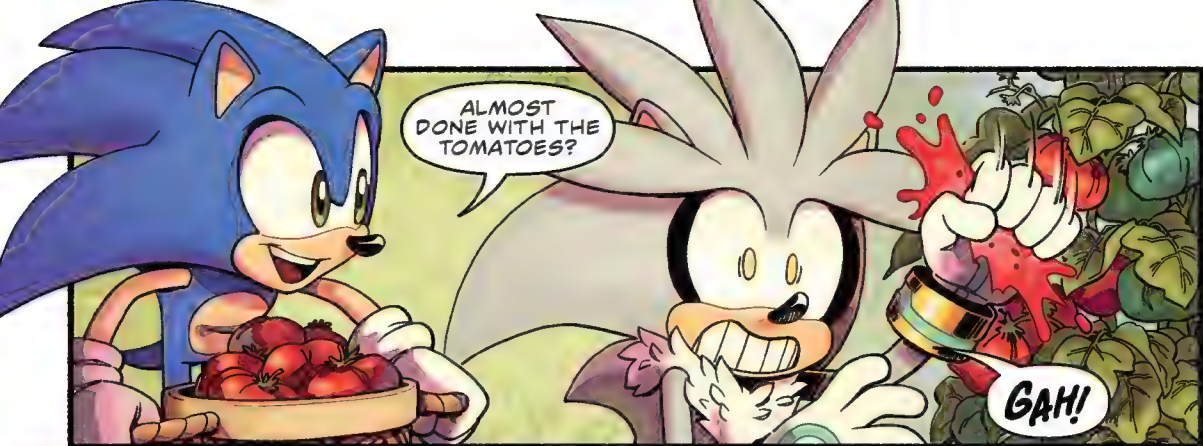
Love
the
restoration
♡

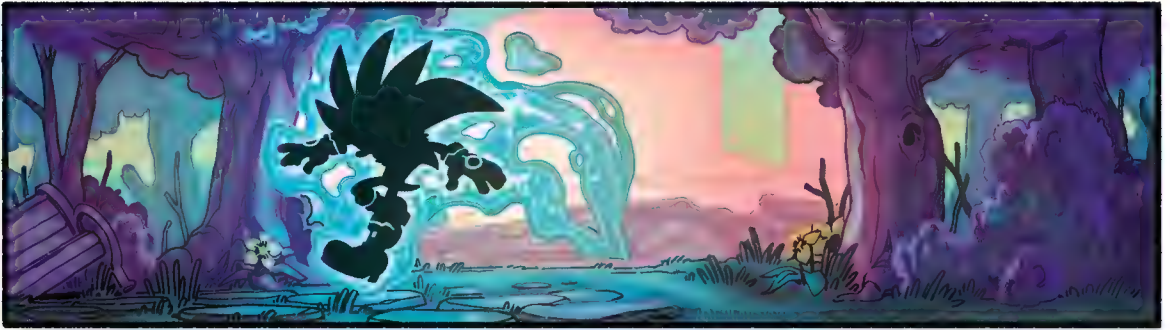
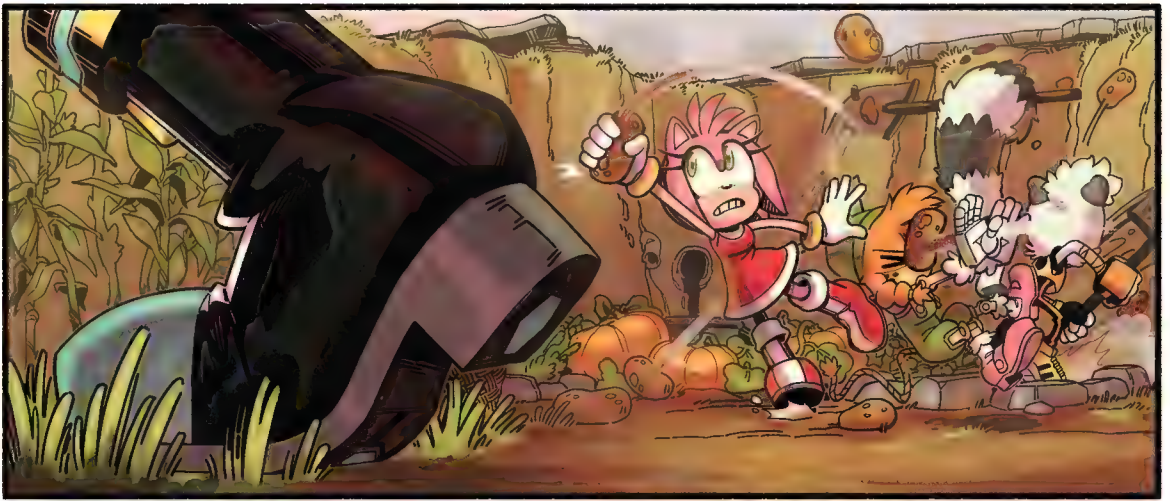
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HARVEST TIME AT
RESTORATION HQ.

**FUTURE
GROWTH**







A comic panel showing Amy Rose on the left, looking surprised with her mouth open and hands raised. Espio the Chameleon is on the right, looking at her with a serious expression. They are in a forest with green foliage and a blue sky.


TROUBLED? NO WAY, ESPIO! Y-YOU KNOW ME, ALWAYS ON A MISSION! IMPORTANT FUTURE-Y PERSON THINGS TO DO...

A comic panel showing Amy Rose on the left, looking surprised with her mouth open and hands raised. Espio the Chameleon is on the right, looking at her with a serious expression. They are in a forest with green foliage and a blue sky.

YOU'RE ALSO BAD AT LYING.

I KNOW.

I DON'T WANT TO PRY, BUT IF YOU ARE CONCEALING SOME SORT OF DANGER... I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT IT.

A close-up comic panel of Amy Rose. She has a worried expression, with her hands near her face and her mouth slightly open.


IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT. IT'S, WELL...

...I'M NOT HERE FOR THE HARVEST. ACTUALLY, I HAVE NO IDEA WHY I'M HERE AT ALL.

A comic panel showing Amy Rose and Espio the Chameleon sitting on a large, grey rock. Amy is on the right, looking at Espio, who is on the left, looking down. They are in a forest setting.

DO ANY OF US KNOW WHY WE'RE HERE?

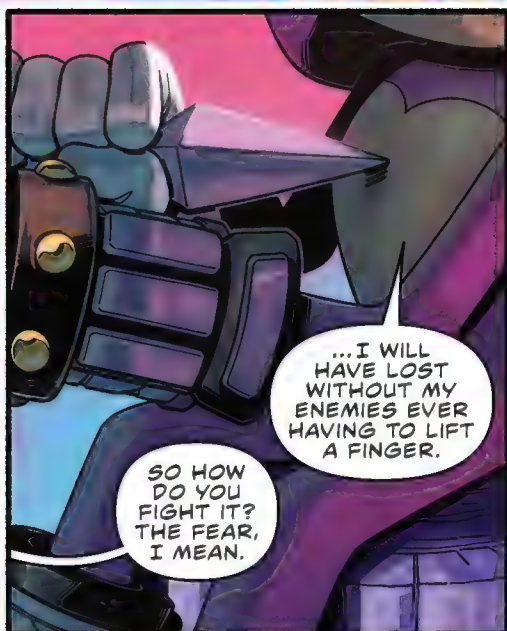
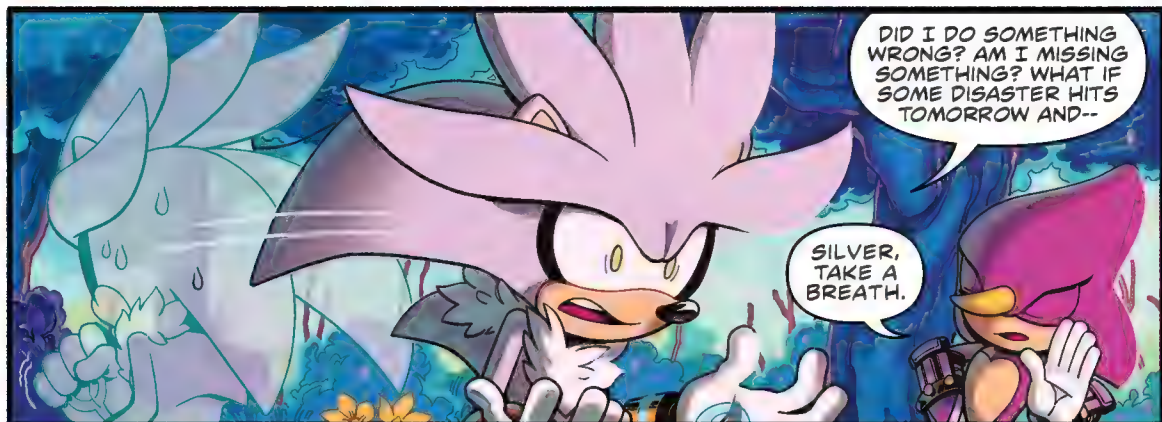
I DO! I MEAN, I USUALLY DO.

A large comic panel showing a close-up of Espio the Chameleon. He is looking down with a serious, almost somber expression, his hand near his face.

EVERY OTHER TIME I'VE BEEN SENT TO THE PAST, IT'S BEEN TO SAVE THE FUTURE FROM TURNING INTO ANOTHER WRECKED WORLD. THAT'S MY JOB. MY PURPOSE.

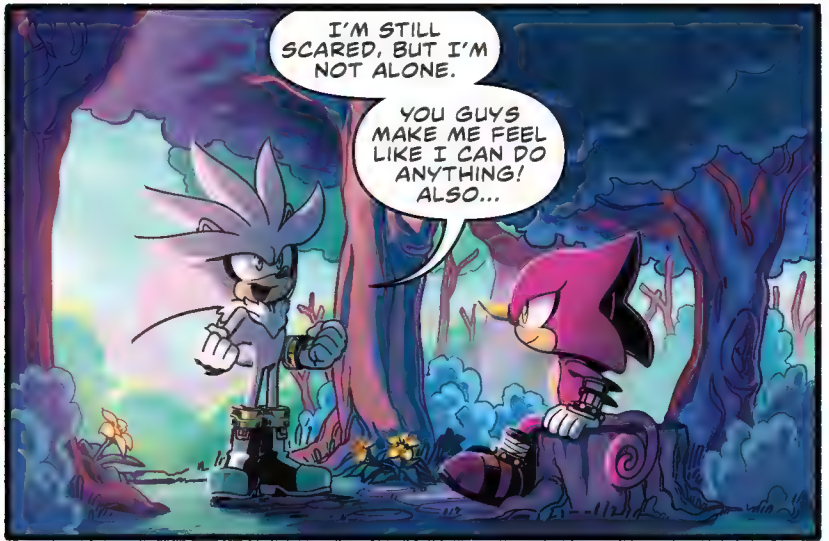
AND I ALWAYS KNOW WHAT I NEED TO DO BECAUSE IT'S HISTORY! BUT THIS TIME... NOTHING. THERE'S NO CRISIS IN MY FUTURE, AND THINGS ARE OKAY HERE.

EVERYTHING'S FINE, BUT... I'M NOT.





RIGHT.



I'M STILL SCARED, BUT I'M NOT ALONE.

YOU GUYS MAKE ME FEEL LIKE I CAN DO ANYTHING! ALSO...



...THANKS, ESPIO. FOR REAL.

OH! UH--



HEY, ESPIO! WHERE'D YOU GO? WE'VE GOT A BEE PROBLEM!

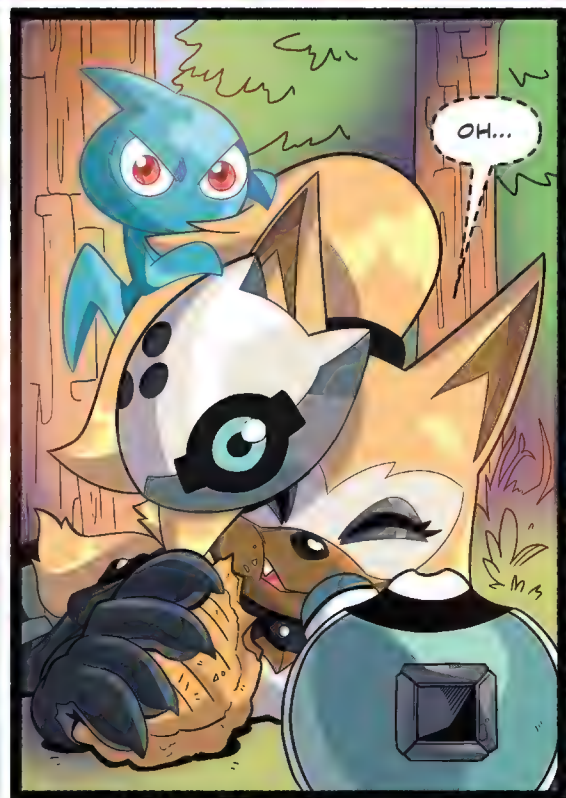
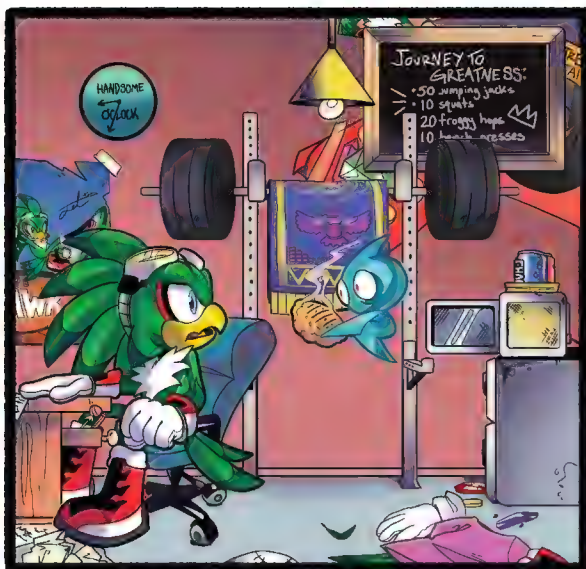
YARR, I'M THE POTATO KING!

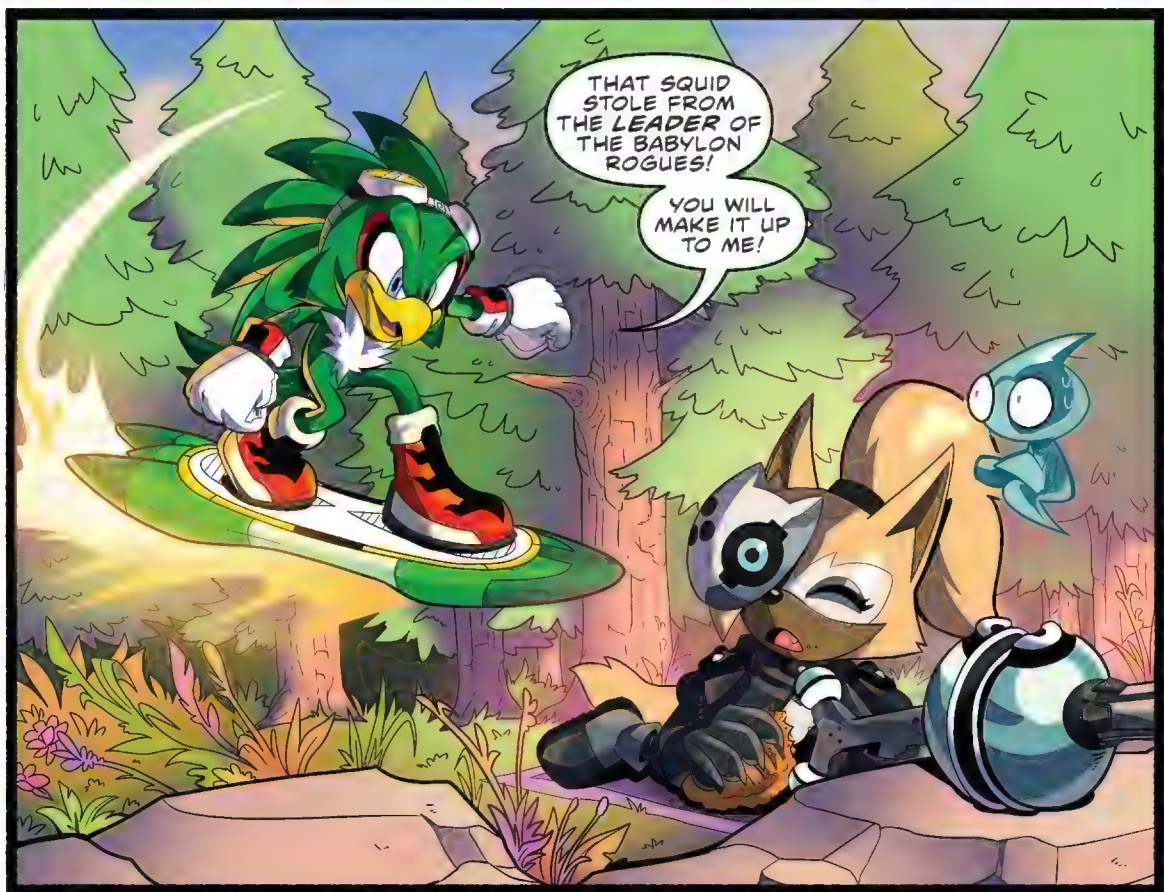


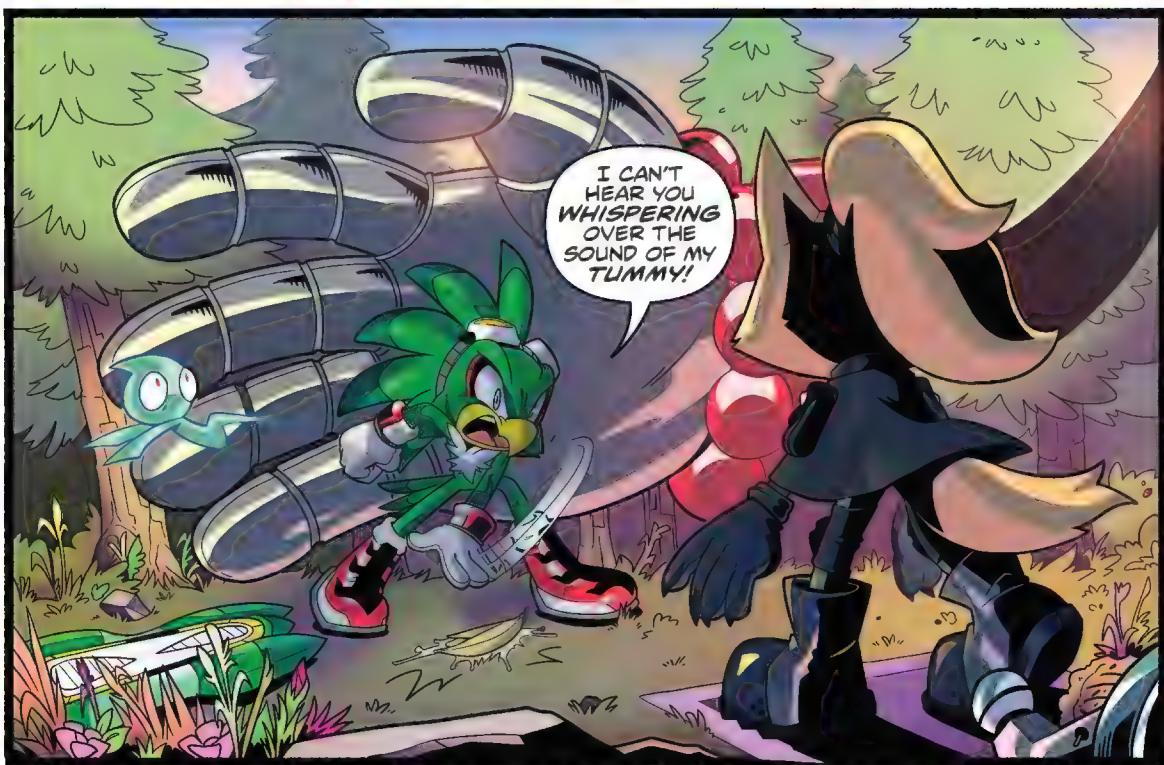
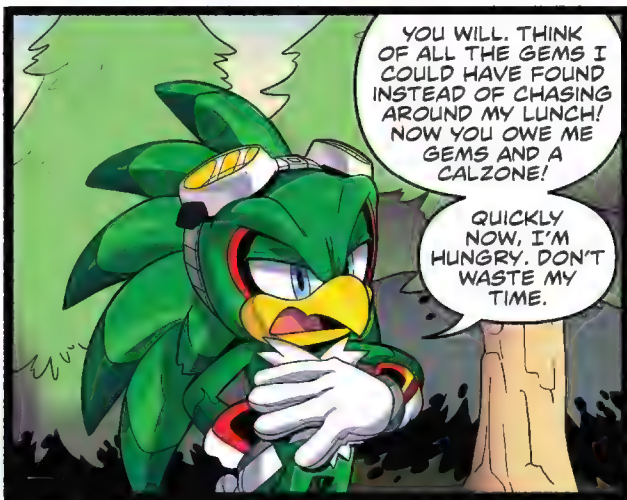
NEED SOME HELP?

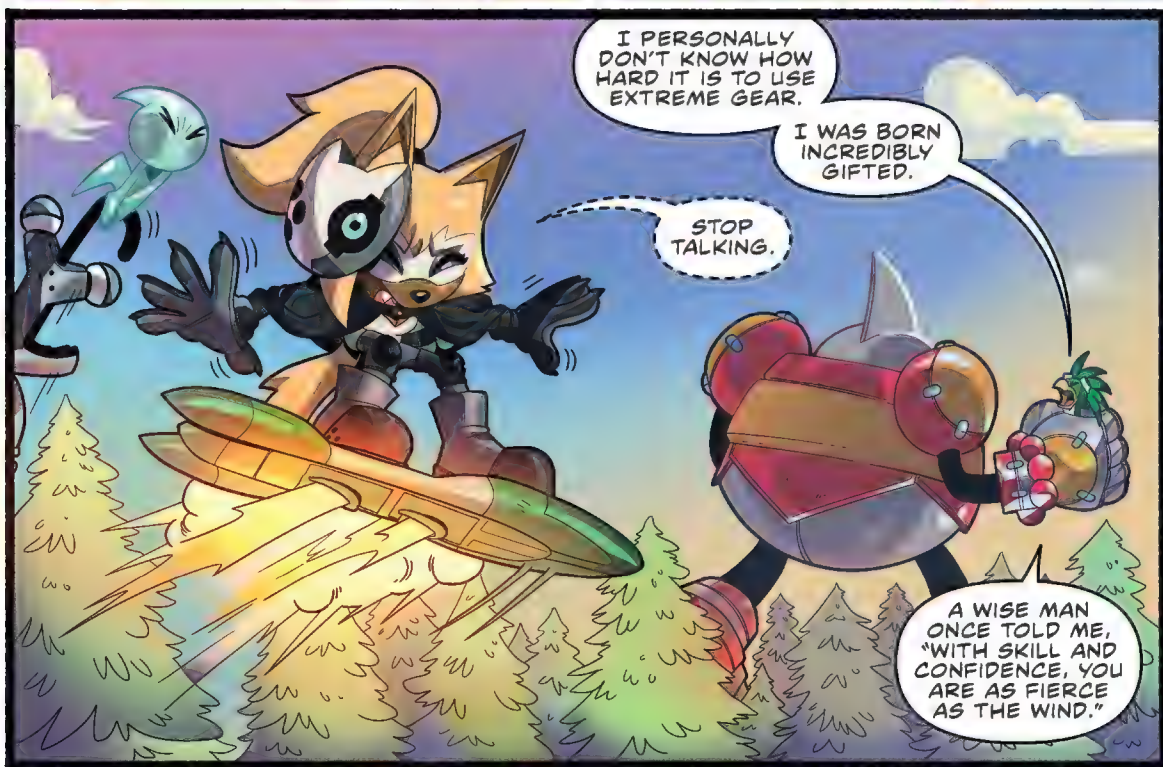
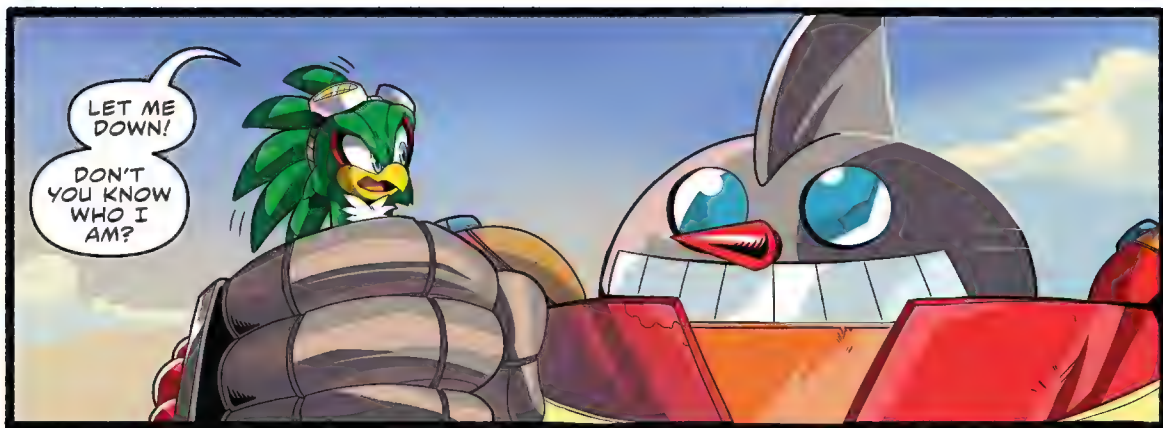
PLEASE.

END.











SPIRAL HILL VILLAGE.

A ROUGH PATCH

WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT, SLANT RHYMES?!



I DON'T EVEN WANNA HEAR YOUR PLAN IF IT'S AS DUMB AS YOUR RHYMES ARE, MAN!



SO MY PLANS ARE DUMB NOW, HUH?! YOU TRY MAKIN' ONE, THEN!



THAT WAS A SLANT RHYME, BRO.



YOU KNOW, WHEN OUR INTROS ONLY KINDA RHYME? THAT'S A SLANT RHYME.

OKAY? SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

PEOPLE AIN'T GONNA TAKE US SERIOUSLY IF WE CAN'T GET THE RHYME RIGHT, ROUGH! REMEMBER HOW SONIC LAUGHED AT US?

THAT GUY LAUGHS AT EVERYONE. WE'LL FIGURE OUT A BETTER RHYME LATER--



NO, WE GOTTA GET THE INTRO RIGHT NOW! OUR REP'S AT STAKE, BRO!

I SAID WE'LL GET TO IT! AT LEAST LET ME SAY WHAT THE REST OF THE STINKIN' PLAN IS!



MAYBE I WILL! AND MAYBE I'LL DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

FINE! YOU COULDN'T DO BETTER RHYMIN' IF YOU WERE TRYIN'!



JUST GET OUTTA HERE!

IF I NEVER SEE YOUR STINKIN' FACE AGAIN--

IT'LL BE TOO SOON!

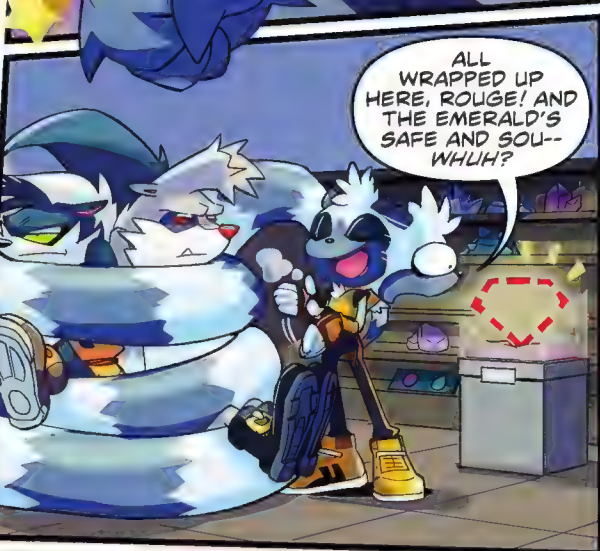
THAT NIGHT, THE MINERAL MUSEUM.













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LETTERS SQUAD



Hello, Sonic Squad! We hope you enjoyed this year's annual! It's always a blast getting to catch up with characters we haven't seen in a while. Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Adam Bryce Thomas, Joana Lafuente, Daniel Barnes, Thomas Rothlisberger, Leonardo Ito, India Swift, Abby Bulmer, Heather Breckel, Evan Stanley, Gigi Dutreix, Ian Mutchler, Natalie Haines, Priscilla Tramontano, Aaron Hammerstrom, Valentina Pinto, and Shawn Lee for so many amazing adventures! Now, let's check out your letters and art!

Dear Team Sonic,

We are Jacob (14) & Will (9), two brothers that love the Sonic world. We have been big fans ever since we saw the first Sonic movie and then we started buying the comic books and drawing heaps of pictures of Sonic and the other characters.

Will's favorite character is Sonic because he's so fun, cheeky, and such an adventurous



character. Jacob's favorite character is Tangle because she's so optimistic, adventure seeking, and always does what's right. Will's favorite issue is #36 because Sonic & Shadow have an epic fail on an attempt to stop an avalanche. Jacob's favorite issue is #49 because the characters in this issue find out more about themselves and also because the Beetle Bot that Mr. Tinker recreated to cut hedges is back!

Thanks for all your hard work with the comic books.

Jacob & Will

Dear Jacob and Will,

Thank you so much for your art and letter! I love that you two are both big fans of Sonic now. I bet it's fun to have someone to nerd out with in your house! You know, it's funny that you mention the avalanche in #36, since there was also an avalanche in the newest Sonic movie, and in your picture! Good thing Sonic is faster than snow, unlike a certain platypus...

I hope you both keep enjoying the comics! Have you tried reading them aloud with fun voices? I know a lot of our readers enjoy that!

P.S. The Beetle Bot is a Badnik model called a Motobug that we call Motobuddy!



Hi, Max,

Oh heck, I'm no good at Sonic speed runs! You'll have to share some of your skills with me. But IDW just makes the comics, not the games, so unfortunately, I cannot make more for you... But I'm sure Sega has lots of plans for more games in the future.

You make an excellent point about chili dogs that made me laugh a lot. They're definitely not a typical fast-food-restaurant food, but I'm pretty sure you can find them somewhere! I'm almost certain that Sonic's world has one... They have to, right?

Thank you for your letter and art!

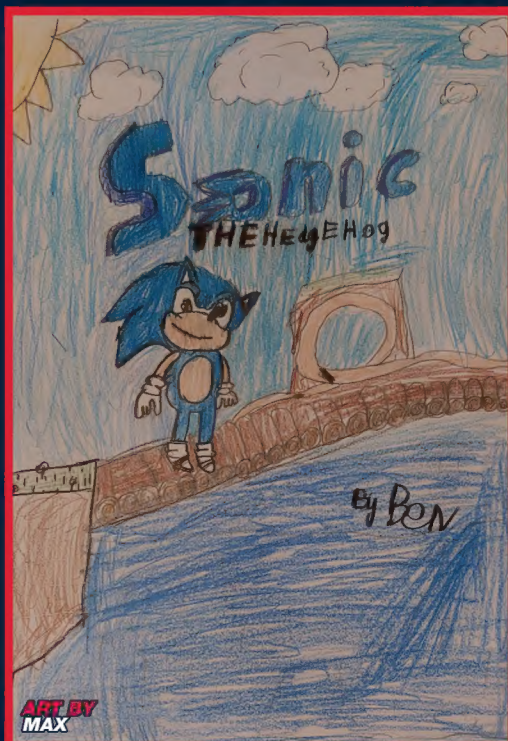
Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Check out Sonic The Hedgehog #52 later this month!

Hi,

I'm really good at the Sonic speed runs so please make more speed runs and maybe make some in the 2D world. I'm a fan of Sonic and my name is Max. I'm six years old.

The only thing wrong about chili dogs is that they're not fast food.

Sincerely,
Max



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